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1. AS PROMISED LAST DECEMBER BY PRESIDENT BONGO, GABON
EFFECTIVELY WITHDREW FROM AIR AFRIQUE ON JUNE 1 AND BEGAN
ITS INTERNATIONAL SERVICE THE FOLLOWING DAY.

2. FIRST FLIGHT OF NEWLY EXPANDED AIR GABON WENT TO
LOME AND ABIDJAN, USING CARAVELL TURNED OVER TO AIRLINE
BY PRESIDENT BONGO. MORE FORMAL PREMIERE TOOK PLACE
AFTERNOON JUNE 3, WITH ARRIVAL FROMPARIS OF BOEING 747
ON INITIAL AIR GABON FLIGHT FROM EUROPE. FIRST 747 EVER
TO LAND IN LIBREVILLE WAS GREETED BY PRESIDENT, ENTIRE
GOG AND DIPLOMATICE CORPS, AND SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF
LIBREVILLE CITIZENS, GIVING GALA SEND OFF FOR AIRLINES
EUROPEAN SERVICE.

3. PENDING DELIVERY OF AIRCRAFT ON ORDER FROM BOEING,
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AIR GABON WILL CONTINUE TO USE CARAVELLE FOR WEST
AFRICAN ROUTES AND LEASED 747 F(FROM MIDDLE EAST AIRLINES
BY WAY OF AIR FRANCE) ON EUROPEAN SERVICE. FIRST
NORTHBOUND FLIGHT BY LATTER EVENING JUNE 3 DEPARTED WITH
ALL SEATS FULL, FACT WIDELY PUBLICIZED BY AIR GABON AS
GOOD OMEN FOR ITS FUTURE.

4. MEANWHILE, NEGOTIATIONS WITH AIR AFRIQUE CONTINUE
RE DIVISION OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES. GOG TEAM SPENT
WEEK IN ABIDJAN EARLY MAY BUT FAILED ARRIVE AT FINAL
SOLUTION,NECESSITIATING FOLLOW UP SESSION SCHEDULED TAKE
PLACE IN ABIDJAN BEGINNING JUNE 14. STEIGMAN

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